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31 March 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William E. Colby  
Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : The Meo Memo

1. I have read with considerable interest the package you sent me on 31 March regarding the Meo memo drafted and published by OCI. Our minds, as you know, frequently tend to run in parallel channels. If you think the finished product generated heartburn, however, you should have seen the first "final" version that OCI had printed up and set to circulate on 28 February.

2. Turnabout being fair play, attached for your amusement is a copy of my comments to the Director on that 28 February version. In reading the latter, do not get crossed up on paragraph numbers. The numbers used in my 1 March note are those of OCI's 28 February version. I did not get all of the offending paragraphs excised but did get them materially watered down and phrased in a somewhat less contentious manner. The paragraphs to which I took exception appear in modified form as paragraphs 77 through 82 in the final (20 March) text.

George A. Carver, Jr.  
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

Attachments

GACarver's Memo to DCI, dated 1 March 1972  
Copy 37 of Memo Number 0844/72 (ExDir.-Compt. copy)

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